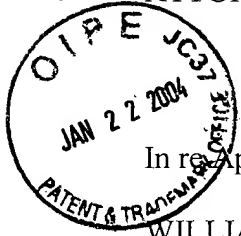


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In re Application of

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Sir:

This amendment and response is a reply to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003 in the above-identified application. This reply is being filed with a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time together with the petition fee of \$55.00 and is therefore considered timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension and filing fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0436. The following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.